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SUBJECT: "STREAMLINING" OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE PANGGABEAN ANNOUNCED APRIL 17 THAT IN LINE WITH RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DECISION NO. 7, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (HANKAM) IS BEING "STREAMLINED". NEW ORGANIZATION WILL CONSIST OF THREE STAFF SECTIONS -- OPERATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND FUNCTIONAL -- IN PLACE OF FORMER GENERAL, DEPARTMENTAL AND FUNCTIONAL.

2. ACCORDING PRESS PANGGABEAN "ONLY SMILED" WHEN REPORTERS ASKED HIM IF VACANT POSITION OF DEPUTY COMMANDER OF ARMED FORCES FORMERLY HELD BY GEN SUMITRO WOULD BE FILLED BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GEN SURONO. COMMENT: AS ABOVE INDICATES, FACT THAT SURONO WILL BE REPLACING SUMITRO ALREADY COMMON KNOWLEDGE.

3. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT REORGANIZATION OF HANKAM IS MAINLY RESHUFFLE OF STAFF ELEMENTS (DEFATT IS PREPARING IN-DEPTH STUDY). PRESS REPORTS NOTE THAT PRESIDENT WILL HOLD "HIGHEST POWER" OVER ARMED FORCES BUT CONTRARY TO IMPRESSION GIVEN BY SOME ENGLISH (BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT INDONESIAN) LANGUAGE VERSIONS THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT

ENTAIL CREATION OF NEW, FORMAL "COMMANDER IN CHIEF"
POSITION AND IS NO MORE THAN CONTINUATION OF STATUS QUO.
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